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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 54, entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal section 37.710, 160.261, 168.021, 168.071, 168.133, 210.135, 210.145, 210.152, 210.915, 210.922, and 556.037, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eighteen new sections relating to protecting children from sexual offenders, with penalty provisions.

On July 14, 2011, I approved said Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 54.

In approving Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 54, I note its purpose, to protect children from sexual offenders, is promoted by the requirements that school districts disclose information to future employers about sexual misconduct of former employees. The impact of this laudable legislation is limited, however, by the language in the bill that indicates the information will be shared only with public schools. There is no mention of parochial or private schools. All students attending schools in Missouri should be protected. A comprehensive solution to this problem must involve both public and private schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Nixon", written over a circular embossed seal.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor